

Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 169. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Mike Mansfield, formerly a Senator from the State of Montana; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 170. A resolution honoring the United States Capitol Police for their commitment to security at the United States Capitol, particularly on and since September 11, 2001; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 77. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued to honor coal miners; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 488

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable education opportunity tax credit.

S. 686

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve coverage of mental health services under the medicare program.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 745

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 745, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote better nutrition among school children participating in the school breakfast and lunch programs.

S. 829

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added

as cosponsors of S. 829, a bill to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture within the Smithsonian Institution.

S. 1111

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1111, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the National Rural Development Partnership, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of medicare cost contracts for 10 years.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

S. 1286

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1286, a bill to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to ensure availability of the mail to transmit shipments of day-old poultry.

S. 1400

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Re-

sponsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for aliens to present a border crossing card that contains a biometric identifier matching the appropriate biometric characteristic of the alien.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to impose sanctions against the PLO or the Palestinian Authority if the President determines that those entities have failed to substantially comply with commitments made to the State of Israel.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, *supra*.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

S. 1447

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1447, a bill to improve aviation security, and for other purposes.

S. 1454

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1454, a bill to provide assistance for employees who are separated from employment as a result of reductions in service by air carriers, and closures of airports, caused by terrorist actions or security measures.

S. 1474

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1474, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes.

S. 1479

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1479, a bill to require procedures that ensure the fair and equitable resolution of labor integration issues in transactions for the combination of air carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to consolidate and revise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to protection of animal health.

S. 1486

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

1486, a bill to ensure that the United States is prepared for an attack using biological or chemical weapons.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the tax relief sunset and to reduce the maximum capital gains rates for individual taxpayers, and for other purposes.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to forgive interest payments for a 2-year period on certain disaster loans to small business concerns in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1503, a bill to extend and amend the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program under subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act, to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with new authority to support programs mentoring children of incarcerated parents, to amend the Foster Care Independent Living Program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through June 30, 2002.

S. CON. RES. 66

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 66, a concurrent resolution to express the sense of the Congress that the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor should be awarded to public safety officers killed in the line of duty in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. CON. RES. 73

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 73, a concurrent resolution expressing the profound sorrow of Congress for the deaths and injuries suffered by first responders as they endeavored to save innocent people in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

S. CON. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 74, a concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. MILLER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1513. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make marriage penalty relief effective immediately in the 15-percent bracket and the standard deduction; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will build upon the historic Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 by accelerating the marriage penalty tax relief in that bill and make it effective beginning next year. I am joined in my effort by Senators BROWNBAC, MILLER, SMITH of New Hampshire, HUTCHINSON, FITZGERALD, and ALLEN.

Earlier this year we delivered to the American people long overdue tax relief. Unfortunately, we did not have the ability to give married couples the relief from the marriage penalty as soon as we would have liked. My bill will complete this unfinished business by treating married couples fairly in the tax code beginning next year. Particularly now, as the President and Congress consider additional tax relief to bolster the economy in these difficult times, this legislation would be a smart option. At times like this, what better way to help our Nation than by strengthening the building blocks of society, our families, by adding to their budgets through marriage penalty relief.

Every year for the past four years I introduced a bill to eliminate the marriage penalty tax as I simply could not understand why two single people should be thrown into a higher tax bracket and pay more in taxes simply because they got married. Not because of a promotion, not because of a raise, but because they got married! This year, we finally told all Americans that they do not have to choose between love and money, that they should not be penalized for exchanging

wedding vows. I am proud to say that in this year's tax relief plan we corrected this quirk in the tax code. We returned to the commonsense principles that made this country great, and away from the concept that "no good deed goes unpunished."

The marriage penalty relief that was passed earlier this year will offer critical relief to our married couples, but unfortunately it will not take place immediately. I want to improve this timing because when the situation is as ridiculous as the marriage penalty, that is wrong. There are more than 20 million married couples in America today that pay a penalty just because they got married, a penalty that averages around \$1,400. That is a lot of money! Especially when you are just starting out, \$1,400 to a young couple could be part of the down payment on the new house or the new car for the expenses associated with having children. However, they choose to spend that money, or for whatever expenses they need it for, we want them to be able to make their own choices with the money they earn.

And we want them to have the ability to do so now, not several years from now. What the bill does that I am introducing today is that it takes the relief we finally offered in the tax plan and makes it effective immediately for the 15 percent bracket and the standard deduction.

Today, if you take the standard deduction when you do your taxes as an individual, you do not get the same amount of deduction if you get married. That is, the standard deduction does not simply double for couples. Whereas today the standard deduction for a single person is \$4,550, and for a married couple is \$7,600, our tax relief bill insisted that married couples receive a standard deduction that is exactly double that of the single person, or \$9,100. Under my bill today, this doubling of the standard deduction will occur immediately.

In addition, we addressed the fact that when most couples marry, the second income bumps them up to a higher tax bracket. Therefore, we decided to widen every tax bracket so that a married couple will not have to pay more in income taxes simply because they go into a higher bracket when they combined incomes.

In this way, a combined income will be taxed at the same rate as if it was a single person making two incomes. For example, if each individual in a relationship is in the 15-percent income tax bracket but they get married and their combined incomes now bump them into the 30-percent bracket, our tax relief means that they will effectively remain in the 15 percent bracket.

This is critically important, especially to those who are at the lower income rates and for whom jumping from the 15 percent bracket to the next one could make all the difference in their budget. Our earlier legislation widens